

DENVER, CO  
JUNE 13–14

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## AT-A-GLANCE AGENDA (6.10.17 update)

### DAY 1, JUNE 13

7:00 AM

Registration Opens

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Breakfast Conversations for Funder Groups

- New Funders: Orientation and Networking Session
- Rural Funders
- More Hopeful Futures Funders Strategy Session
- Community Foundation Funders
- United Ways

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Pre-Conference Sessions

- Come Play and Learn with PBS
- K-3 Policy: Early Literacy — Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?
- More Hopeful Futures Funders Strategy Session

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Opening Plenary

[Call to Order and Introductions](#)

Debra Jacobs, Chair, 2017 Funder Huddle Advisory Committee

[Welcome](#)

Barbara O'Brien, Vice President, Denver School Board, Former Colorado Lieutenant Governor

[Video and Panel Presentation: Denver and Colorado Innovations](#)

*Facilitator:* Bruce Hoyt, Gary Community Investments

*Panelists:* Anne Anderson, The Ben and Lucy Ana Fund of the Walton Family Foundation; Elsa Holguín, Rose Community Foundation; Susan Steele, Buell Foundation

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Overview of the GLR Campaign: Toward Bigger Outcomes and Sustainable Scale

Ralph Smith

Introduction to Mini-Plenaries

Ron Fairchild

1:30 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

2:00 – 3:15 PM

“More Than Money: Civic Action and Impact” Mini-Plenaries  
(Roundtable Conversations: *Funders Leading Community-Wide Population-Level Impact*)

Session 1: Building Cross-Sector Coalitions to Achieve Population-Level Results

*Lead Discussants:* Dr. Rita Bishop, Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools; Mike English, Turn the Page KC; Judy Heeter, Turn the Page KC Board of Directors; Denise St. Omer, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; Sheila Umberger, Roanoke Public Libraries

Session 2: Moving the Needle for the Most Vulnerable Children

*Lead Discussants:* Sally Fuller, Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation; Nancy Van Milligen, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Session 3: Putting It All Together on School Readiness: Aligning, Linking, Stacking and Bundling the Most Proven and Promising Strategies, Programs and Practices

*Lead Discussants:* Beth Duda, The Patterson Foundation; Carolyn Jons, Jons Family Endowment; Jean Kresse, United Way of Story County

Session 4: Building Platforms and Systems to Support Community-Wide Results on Summer Learning

*Lead Discussants:* David Geenen, Doris and Victor Day Foundation; Carole Groom, San Mateo County; Andrea Jones, Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Alex Kolker, United Way of the Quad Cities Area

Session 5: Parent Success = Early School Success

*Lead Discussants:* Leslie Maloney, Every Child Capital; Cynthia Walker, United Way of South Mississippi

Session 6: New Teachers, Reading Heroes, & the ABCs of Active Reading: How Funders are Supporting Large-Scale Communications and Systems Change Initiatives

*Lead Discussants:* Jenny Bogoni, Free Library of Philadelphia; James Liou, William Penn Foundation; MaryBeth Simon, Bank of America; Kristi Thomas, Wells Fargo

Session 7: Early Developmental Screening, Follow-Up and

Intervention = Healthy Development for Infants and Toddlers

*Lead Discussants:* Kate Bennett, United Way of Central Iowa; Katherine King, United Way of San Antonio

3:15 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

3:30 – 4:45 PM

“More Than Money: Civic Action and Impact” Mini-Plenaries  
(Roundtable Conversations: *Funders Leading the Way to Scale in States*)

Session 1: Influencing State Systems and Policy in Arkansas

*Lead Discussants:* Angela Duran, Arkansas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; Andrew Ford, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

Session 2: Driving with Data and Results at the State Level in Arizona

*Lead Discussants:* Terri Clark, Read On Arizona; Marilee Dal Pra, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust; Karen Woodhouse, Eyes on Learning

Session 3: Full Scale Systems Changes: When Private Investments Catalyze Public Systems

*Lead Discussants:* Kristin Bernhard, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; Lizzy Smith, Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation; Rubye Sullivan, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Atlanta Civic Site; Arianne Weldon, Get Georgia Reading Campaign

Session 4: Harnessing the Power of Communities to Drive State-Level Action and Results in Iowa

*Lead Discussants:* Monica Fischer, Anonymous Donor; Suzanne Mineck, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation

Session 5: Launching New Statewide Campaigns in Mississippi and North Carolina

*Lead Discussants:* Sammy Moon, Mississippi Association of Grantmakers; Cyndi Soter O’Neil, ChildTrust Foundation; Angela Rutherford, University of Mississippi, Laurie Williamson, United Way of the Greater Triangle; Elizabeth Star Winer, Winer Family Foundation

Session 6: Developing Messaging and Mobilizing Campaigns in California

*Lead Discussants:* David Brody, First 5 Santa Cruz; Patti Miller, Too Small to Fail; Susan True, Kenneth Rainin Foundation

Session 7: The Role of Funders in Nurturing, Launching and/or Sustaining Coalitions Focused on Collective Impact

*Lead Discussants:* Ryana Barbosa, Rogers Family Foundation; Scott McLeod, United Way of Salt Lake



## DAY 2, JUNE 14

8:00 – 8:30 AM

Breakfast

- Welcome Gathering Concurrent Plenary Speakers
- GLR Funders Breakfast
- GLR Partners Breakfast (*all attendees who are not funders are invited*)

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

GLR Funders Morning Plenary

### Town Hall Meeting

*Moderator:* Debra Jacobs, The Patterson Foundation

- Reflections and Actionable Takeaways
- More Than Money Philanthropy Panel: David Biemesderfer, Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers; Mae Hong, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors; Sheena Wright, United Way of New York City

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

GLR Partners Briefing

### Technology Strategies and Data Platforms

*Moderator:* Anu Malipatil, The Overdeck Family Foundation

- [Family Engagement in the Digital Age](#)  
Lisa Guernsey, New America; Sheetal Singh, The Learning Lab
- [Reflections on Data Tools, Platforms and Systems](#)  
Gene Chasin, Say Yes to Education; Ron Fairchild, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; Zak Zieleszinski, Declara
- [First Book Needs Index](#)  
Kyle Zimmer and Becki Last, First Book

10:00 AM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

10:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Concurrent Plenaries: *Evolving Landscape — Issues and Opportunities*

### Session 1: The Early Years — Opportunities in Early Childhood

*Moderator:* Aaliyah Samuel, National Governors Association

*Lead Discussants:* Sue Renner, David and Laura Merage Foundation; Katharine Stevens, American Enterprise Institute; Yasmina Vinci, National Head Start Association

*Commentator:* Sam Aigner-Treworgy, City of Chicago, Mayor's Office

### Session 2: Leveraging Medicaid for Impact

*Moderator:* Suzanne Mineck, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Paul Dworkin, Help Me Grow National Center and Connecticut Children's Medical Center; Urcel Fields, Amerigroup Georgia; Deb Florio, Deputy Medicaid Director and CHIP Director for the State of Rhode Island; Arianne Weldon, Get Georgia Reading campaign

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Session 3: ESSA: Chronic Absence as a Policy-Worthy Lever for Change

*Moderator:* TBA

*Lead Discussants:* Tom Boasberg, Superintendent of Denver Public Schools; Candice McQueen, Education Commissioner for the State of Tennessee; Charlene Russell-Tucker, COO, Connecticut State Department of Education; Dr. Carey Wright, State Superintendent of Education for Mississippi

*Commentator:* Hedy Chang, Attendance Works

12:15 – 1:15 PM

“Leading-Edge” Conversations & Opportunities  
(*box lunches*)

**Series I: Leading Edge Conversations**

**Kindergarten Readiness**

Fostering Social Emotional Development — the Landscape and the Opportunities

*Moderator:* Anne Anderson, Ben and Lucy Ana Walton Fund of the Walton Family Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Cathy McCarty, Clayton Early Learning; Patti Miller, Too Small to Fail; Abby R. Weiss, Jumpstart; Kyle Zimmer, FirstBook

*Commentator:* Meera Mani, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Executive Function Skills — the Leading Edge in the Science of Early Learning

*Moderator:* Ellen Galinsky, Bezos Family Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Beth Duda, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, The Patterson Foundation; Deborah J. Leong, Tools of the Mind, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Philip David Zelazo, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota

**Summer Learning**

Investing in Summer — Lessons from the Field

*Moderator:* Jeff Sunshine, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Leslie Gabay-Swanston, National Summer Learning Association; Judy Ha Kim, Foundations, Inc.; Coleen Truaz, Scholars Unlimited

**Parent Success**

Parents as Strong Consumers and Advocates for Their Children — A Smart Investment for Ensuring Better Outcomes for Vulnerable Children

*Moderator:* Michelle Knapik, Emily Hall Tremain Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Kimberly Brenneman, Heising Simons Foundation; Sandra Gutierrez, Abriendo Puertas; Priscilla Rodriguez, The Poses Family Foundation

## Technology

### [Nudging Parents Through Social Media](#)

*Co-Conveners:* Carly Roberts, Overdeck Family Foundation; Bernadette Sangalang, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Sally Fuller, Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation; Jean McSpadden, Bright by Three; Sheetal Singh, Early Learning Lab

## Public Housing

### [Public Housing as Platform for 24/7/365](#)

*Moderator:* Charles Rutheiser, Annie E. Casey Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Rebecca Friendly, Age of Learning – ABCmouse; Michael Lombardo, BookNook; Betsey Martens, Bringing School Home; Preston Prince, Fresno Housing Authority; William Russell, Sarasota Housing Authority; Ginger Young, Book Harvest

### [Optional “Pop Up” Leading-Edge Conversations on:](#)

- Building Character
- High-Quality Tutoring
- Building Bridges Between STEM and Literacy

## Series II: Leading Edge Opportunities

### [Accelerating Community Solutions Through Network-Wide Opportunities](#)

Ruth Ann Norton, Green & Health Homes Initiative; Patti Miller, Too Small to Fail.

### [Opportunities and Possibilities Presented in the Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#)

*Moderator:* Tammie Jones of United Way for Southeastern Michigan

*Lead Discussants:* Bruce Atchison, Education Commission of the States; Hedy Chang, Attendance Works; Danielle Ewen, Education Counsel; Bill Pound, National Conference of State Legislatures

1:15 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

1:45 – 3:15 PM

Concurrent Plenaries: *Evolving Landscape — Issues and Opportunities*

### [Session 1: The Future Is Here! Using Predictive Analytics to Promote Student Success](#)

*Moderator:* Sheena Wright, United Way of New York City

*Lead Discussants:* Sara DeWitt, PBS KIDS Digital, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); Diana Greene, Superintendent, Manatee County Public Schools; Carrie Rigney, BrightBytes

*Commentator:* Iris Palmer, New America

**Session 2: Preparing the Adults to Succeed: Talent Development in Early Care and Learning**

*Moderator:* Swati Adarkar, Children’s Institute

*Lead Discussants:* Steffanie Clothier, Gary Community Investments; Susan True, Kenneth Rainin Foundation; Sara Vecchiotti, Foundation for Child Development; Comer Yates, Atlanta Speech School

*Commentator:* Scott Hippert, Los Angeles Universal Preschool

**Session 3: Innovative Financing for Sustainable Scale**

*Moderator:* Andi Phillips, Maycomb Capital LP

*Lead Discussants:* Bill Crim, United Way of Salt Lake City; Frank Farrow, Center for the Study of Social Policy; Greg Landsman, Every Child Capital; Ruth Ann Norton, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

3:15 PM Networking Break, Grand Foyer

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Plenary Session

**Strategic Drivers for Impact**

*Moderator:* Meera Mani, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

*Panelists:* Jackie Bezos, The Bezos Family Foundation; Robert Ross, The California Endowment; Jim Shelton, Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative\*

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Plenary Session

**Panel Discussion: Science Matters — The Developing Brain**

*Moderator:* Ellen Galinsky, Bezos Family Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Anne Fernald, Language Learning Lab at Stanford, Department Psychology and Program in Human Biology, Stanford University; Michèle Mazzocco, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota; Philip David Zelazo, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota

6:00 PM Closing Funder Huddle and Opening All-America City Awards Reception, Grand Foyer  
(A Recognition Event for the 2016 GLR Pacesetter Communities)

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